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GASTROINTESTINAL  
DISORDERS

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***AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION***

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 25, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: